



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

BAY STATE GAS COMPANY
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SIXTH SET OF INFORMATION REQUESTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY TO THE COMPANY

Pursuant to 220 C.M.R. § 1.06(6)(c), the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") submits to Bay State Gas Company ("Bay State" or "Company") the following set of Information Requests for response within ten days of issuance:

- DTE 6-1 Please provide electronic files in Microsoft Excel format, with all formulas and links contained in the cells, of the following:
- Exh. BSG/JES-1, Schedules JES-1 through JES-17 and corresponding workpapers;
 - Exh. BSG/JES-3, Schedules WC-1 through 15 and corresponding workpapers;
 - Exh. BSG/JES-3 and corresponding workpapers;
 - Exh. BSG/JES-4 and corresponding workpapers;
 - Exh. BSG/JES-5, p. 1;
 - Exh. BSG/JES-6 and corresponding workpapers; and
 - Exh. BSG/PRM-2, Schedules 1 through 12, making sure to include source and/or reference information.
- DTE 6-2 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-1. Please explain why there is no value in col. (1) ("Per Books"), ln. 8 ("Interest on Customer Deposits").
- DTE 6-3 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-1 and Supplementary Filing Requirements Vol. 1. Please provide page, account, and line references to the Company's 2004 Annual Report to the Department for each line item in col. 1 ("Per Books") of Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-1. If any item in Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-1 does not appear in the Company's 2004 Annual Report to the Department, please provide source materials.
- DTE 6-4 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 31 and 32 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 1, 12. Please provide the following:

- List each charitable contribution made by Bay State including amount and date of contribution;
- Explain the function or mission of the organization to which each contribution was made;
- Provide the Department with copies of invoices, receipts, and all other documentation for each contribution during the test year; and
- Explain how each contribution provides direct benefit to Bay State's ratepayers.

- DTE 6-5 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 14. Please provide invoices, receipts, and any other documentation for costs and items that constitute the value in line 5, "Test Year Postage Expense."
- DTE 6-6 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 14. Please provide total postage fees for the last three years on a monthly and annualized basis, as well as by postage class (first, pre-sort, etc.) noting each time the effective date of any postal rate increase.
- DTE 6-7 Is the Company eligible to take advantage of discount (i.e., pre-sort postage) rates? If so, is the Company doing so and how? If not, explain.
- DTE 6-8 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 34; Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 30; and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 14. Please explain why the proposed rate increase for First-Class Mail is applied to all classes of postage for the Company.
- DTE 6-9 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 34; Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 30; and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 14. If the proposed postage increase is not approved as filed, what steps will the Company take to adjust rates accordingly?
- DTE 6-10 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 34; Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 30; and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 14. If the proposed postage increase is not approved before the midpoint of the rate year, what steps will the Company take to adjust rates accordingly?
- DTE 6-11 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 34; Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 30; and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 14. As the proposed postage increase will not be approved before January 2006, please provide analyses and explanation of analyses demonstrating the increase in postage for the part of the rate year in which the new rates are applicable. Provide 3 analyses, assuming the rate increase occurs on January 1, 2006; March 1, 2006; and May 1, 2006.

- DTE 6-12 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 37 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 20. Please provide source material, underlying data, and analyses for the GDPIPD and any other data or information used in calculating the Company's inflation factor.
- DTE 6-13 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 37 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 19. Please list all residual O&M accounts that contribute to ln. 23 of Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 19. For each account, justify why that residual balance is subject to the inflation adjustment.
- DTE 6-14 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 19 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 17. Please provide the Department with complete copies of all insurance policies and their effective dates.
- DTE 6-15 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 18-19. Were there any instances during the last 5 years when the Company switched any of its insurance providers? If so, provide analysis and documentation that led the Company to the decision to switch providers.
- DTE 6-16 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 18. Please explain how the Company conducts its annual evaluation of insurance programs and policies, and the names of the brokers that assist in this process.
- DTE 6-17 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 19 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 17. What are the known and measurable changes that the Company anticipates for 2005 related to Property and Liability Insurance? Please list all items, as well as anticipated dates and amounts attributable to Bay State.
- DTE 6-18 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-6, at 17. Please provide underlying data, information, and analyses for the values in col. (3).
- DTE 6-19 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 20 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 6. Please provide the Department with all underlying data and analyses, as well as receipts, invoices, and any other documentation for the last 5 years self-insurance costs and claims.
- DTE 6-20 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 20 and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-6, at 6. Please explain why the Company eliminated deductibles for workers compensation. Provide all documentation, data, and analyses related to this elimination.

- DTE 6-21 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, at 44; Exh. BSG/JES-1, Sch. JES-10; and Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-10, at 1. Please provide the following for the Company's customer deposits for the last 5 years:
- the beginning-of-year balance;
 - the end-of-year balance;
 - the amount of changes from the preceding year.
- DTE 6-22 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-10, at 1. Please provide the Department with a copy of the "Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H. 15 Selected Interest Rates."
- DTE 6-23 Refer to Exh. BSG/JES-1, Workpaper JES-10, at 1. Please provide a list of the rates payable on customer deposits used by the Company for the last 5 years. Include source documents.

Dated: May 24, 2005